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IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as shown in the following complete listing of all claims:

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16. (currently amended) A method for producing a filter bag for containing a substance for infusion in a liquid, said method comprising the steps of:

feeding in a predetermined feed direction and parallel with one another: a filter paper web, a cotton thread positioned longitudinally to and opposite the filter paper web and a succession of tags, the ~~latter~~ tags being placed along the web at predetermined intervals;

forming on the thread a succession of first winding loops, separated by an interval corresponding to the tag interval;

connecting the first winding loops of thread to the pick-up tags, and connecting the pick-up tags to the paper web;

folding the filter paper web over itself in a direction away from the thread and tag so that its longitudinal edges of the filter paper web which were initially opposite one another are

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overlapping, gradually forming a filter paper tube in which the thread and tag are on the outside of said tube;

depositing a succession of doses of the substance for infusion on the web, before the tube is definitively formed;

connecting the longitudinal edges of the tube to one another;

making pairs of ~~transversal~~ transverse connections on the tube, upstream and downstream of ~~the~~ each tag, designed to delimit a succession of sealed containment chambers containing at least one dose of the substance for infusion;

securing the sections of thread between the transverse connections to the tube;

cutting the filter paper web at a predetermined distance from one of said pick-up tags to form a slit; and,

forcing the thread through the slit to form a second loop projecting from the filter paper web on a side opposite that in contact with the thread.

17. (original) The method according to claim 16, in which the filter paper web has a layer of heat-activated adhesive material, wherein the connection of the longitudinal edges of the tube is made by heat-activation of the layer of adhesive material on the web.

18. (currently amended) The method according to claim 16, in which the filter paper web has a layer of heat-activated adhesive material, wherein the pairs of ~~transversal~~ transverse connections are created by heat-activation of the layer of adhesive material on the web.

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19. (previously presented) The method according to claim 16, in which the filter paper web has a layer of heat-activated adhesive material, wherein the step of securing the sections of thread between the connections to the tube is done by heat-activation of the layer of adhesive material.

20. (previously presented) The method according to claim 16, in which the pick-up tag comprises two flaps which can be folded over one another, wherein the first loop is attached to the pick-up tag at one flap of the tag, the method comprising a folding step in which the second flap of the tag is placed so that it overlaps the first loop and is connected to the first flap of the tag.

21. (original) The method according to claim 20, in which the pick-up tag has a layer of heat-activated adhesive material, wherein the flaps are connected to one another by heat-activation of the adhesive material.

22. (currently amended) The method according to claim 20 ~~claim 16~~, further comprising a step in which the tag is creased to form a fold line for facilitated folding of one flap relative to the other.

23. (currently amended) The method according to claim 17 ~~claim 16~~, wherein the step of attaching the pick-up tag to the filter paper tube is performed by heat-activation of the layer of adhesive material.

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25. (currently amended) The method according to claim 24, wherein during formation of the tube the second loop is housed in ~~the concave~~ a concave section of the web.

26. (previously presented) The method according to claim 24, further comprising a sealing step in which the second loop and the filter paper web are attached to one another.

27. (original) The method according to claim 26, wherein the step of sealing the second loop to the filter paper web takes place before the tag is sealed to the filter paper web.

28. (currently amended) The method according to claim 17 ~~claim 16~~, in which the containment chamber is divided into two adjacent compartments, further comprising a step of folding the compartments so that they overlap one another and the thread is wound around the overall outline of the containment chamber so that the tag and first loop connected to it are located on an outer face of the overall containment chamber; and a step of uniting the top joins of the tubular compartments to form a single top of the filter bag containment chamber.

29. (original) The method according to claim 28, wherein the step of uniting the top joins of the containment chamber is performed by sealing by heat-activation of the layer of adhesive material on the filter paper.

30. (previously presented) The method according to claim 16, further comprising a cutting step in which the corners of the tops of the containment chambers are removed from the bag.